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THE CHINESE MAIL

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THE business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.  
INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3½ PER CENT. per annum. Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK, to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4½ PER CENT. per annum.  
For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,  
F. DE BOVIS,  
Chief Manager,  
Hongkong, August 1, 1892. 1515

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.  
AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....\$1,000,000.  
SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL.....\$600,000.

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Hongkong, November 26, 1892. 23

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital.....\$10,000,000.  
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RESERVE LIABILITY.....\$10,000,000.

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Hongkong, September 28, 1892. 1425

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It is in increasing yearly, and the opinion expressed by several of the largest regular consumers are in testimony of the excellent qualities of this Coal.

Attention is called to the following ADVANCES to Shipowners and Captains, who deal their bunkers direct from the Underwriters—

Freshness of the Coal.

Uniformity of quality.

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Supply in quantity on shortest notice.

Quick despatch.

Best weight, etc., etc.

MITSUI BUSAN KAISHA,

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Hongkong, October 1, 1892. 1714

## Intimations.

### CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION.

**NOTICE** is hereby given that MONDAY Next, the 26th Inst., and MONDAY, the 2nd January, 1893, will be observed as HOLIDAYS, at the KOWLOON CUSTOMS OFFICE.

Work at the Opium Examination Hulk and Customs Stations will proceed as usual.

J. McLEAVY BROWN,  
Commissioner of Customs  
for Kowloon and District.

CUSTOM HOUSE, December 24, 1892.

2232

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

In accordance with Ordinance No. 6 of 1876, the Underwritten BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on MONDAY, the 26th Instant, and on MONDAY, the 2nd of January.

For the Chartered Merchantile Bank of India, London and China,  
JOHN THURBURN,  
Manager, Hongkong.

For the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,  
T. H. WHITEHEAD,  
Manager, Hongkong.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,  
F. DE BOVIS,  
Chief Manager.

For the Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris,  
L. GLENAT,  
Acting Agent, Hongkong.

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S. L. DARBY,  
Manager.

For the National Bank of China, Limited,  
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, December 24, 1892. 2245

A GENT WANTED for the Sale, in CHINA and JAPAN, of WINDOW GLASS. Address:

2225 CHARLES BANTHIER,  
HONGKONG & CHINA GAS COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE Transfer BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to the 31st instant, both days inclusive.

F. W. CROSS,  
Manager.

Hongkong, December 16, 1892. 2239

## PEAK HOTEL.

OPEN ALL THE YEAR ROUND.  
THIS COMMODIOUS and WELL APPOINTED HOTEL, situated at a height of 1,250 feet above sea-level, having been LEASED by THE PROPRIETORS of the "VICTORIA HOTEL," IS NOW OPEN and will be run in conjunction with their HOTEL in QUEEN'S ROAD, thus enabling them to offer SPECIAL INDUCEMENTS to Visitors and Residents.

SPECIAL WINTER RATES.  
The rates for Board and Lodging during the WINTER MONTHS, from 1st November to 31st March, have been REDUCED as follows:

One person, one day ..... \$ 2.50

Married couple, do ..... 4.75

One person, one month ..... 50.00

Married couple, do ..... 85.00

For full Particulars apply to VICTORIA HOTEL

Hongkong, October 25, 1892. 1873

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# THE CHINA MAIL.

[No. 2828.—DECEMBER 24, 1892.]

## Entertainments.

**THEATRE ROYAL,**  
CITY HALL, HONGKONG.  
MONDAY, 26th December,  
WEDNESDAY, 28th December,  
SATURDAY, 31st December.

**THE SONS OF NEPTUNE**  
(Officers & Men of H.M. Fleet),  
in the Original Singing and Novel  
Nautical Entertainment,  
*entitled*

**THE VOYAGE OF H.M.S.**

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(in two acts),  
giving a graphic and realistic description of  
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SONGS with a CHORUS of over 70  
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As performed over 70 times with immense  
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1891, and before the Royal Family and  
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Under the special patronage of H.R.H.  
PRINCESS OF WALES.

By kind permission of Lieut.-Colonel  
RAVENHILL and the OFFICERS of the  
Shropshire Light Infantry their  
Band will perform each  
evening.

The Performance is given under the  
distinguished patronage of  
His Excellency Sir WILLIAM RONNISON,  
K.C.M.O.;  
Vice-Admiral the Honourable Sir EDMUND  
R. FREEMANTLE, K.C.B., C.M.G.;  
Major-General G. DIGBY BARKE, C.B.;  
Commodore H. S. L. B. PALLISTER, R.N.

**N.B.—Proceeds will be handed to  
local charities.**

**Price of Admission:**  
Dress Circle and Stalls.....\$2.00  
Fit...1.00  
Soldiers, Sailors and Police (in uniform)  
half price.

Doors open at 8 p.m.  
Performance at 9 p.m. precisely.

**SPECIAL TRAMS** 15 minutes after  
Performance each evening.

Tickets may be obtained at Messrs. LANE,  
CRAWFORD & CO.'s, where a Plan of the  
Theatre may be seen. Books of words (20  
cents each) may be had from Messrs.  
NORONHA & CO.

Hongkong, December 22, 1892. 2251

## Mails.

**CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.,**  
ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE,  
CHINA AND JAPAN.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, 1892.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

*Empress of Japan* Wednesday Dec. 28/92

*Empress of China* Wednesday Jan. 25/93

*Empress of India* Wednesday Feb. 22/93

**THE R. M. S. EMPIRE OF JAPAN.**  
Lieut. Gr. A. Lee, R.N.R., Commander, sailing at Noon on WEDNESDAY, 28th December, with Her Majesty's Mail, will proceed to VICTORIA, via SHANGHAI, KOBE, INLAND SEA and YOKOHAMA.

**RATES OF PASSAGE.**  
(In Mexican Dollars).  
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**U. S. MAIL LINE.**

**PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP**

**COMPANY.**

**NOTICE.**

## To-day's Advertisements.

**PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP**

**COMPANY.**

**CARGO EX S.S. PEKING.**

**CONSHIERS OF MERCHANTISE**

**are hereby notified that their Goods**

**are ready for delivery and will be delivered**

**from alongside.**

**Consignees of FLOUR are hereby noti-**

**fied that their Flour is being landed and**

**stored at their risk in the Company's Go-**

**downs at Wanchai, from whence delivery**

**may be obtained, on countersignature of**

**Bills of Lading.**

**Goods remaining undelivered after the**

**31st instant will be subject to rent.**

**No Fine Insurance is effected.**

**J. S. VAN BUREN,**

**Agent.**

**Hongkong, December 24, 1892. 2263**

## Vessels Advertised as Loading.

**Destinations.**

**Vessels.**

**Agents.**

**Date of Arrival.**

**Batavia, Samarang, etc.** **Bantam** (8). **Jardine, Matheson & Co.** About Dec. 28.

**Bremen & Port of Call.** **Glasgow** (6). **Northdeutsch Lloyd.** Jan. 8. At 10 a.m.

**Calcutta, etc.** **London** (1). **Leeds** (2). **Linlithgow** (2). **London**, **etc.** **Port of Call.** **Pakling** (5). **Arnhem** (2).

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## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

## PASSED SUEZ CANAL.

OUTWARD BOUND.—Harwood, Nov. 11; Honkow, 23; Tsinan, Glenfin, Stratford, Dec. 9; Palmaris, Hunter, Keemun, 13; Monmouthshire, Salapia, 16; Sydney, 20.

HEWARD BOUND.—Saghalien, Nov. 26; Carnarvonshire, 29; Sachen, Onfa, Caledon, Dec. 9; Polipheneus, Chaco, 13; Derbyshire, Kremhild, 16.

The M. Co.'s steamer Oceanus, with THE CHINA MAIL of November 26, left Singapore on Thursday, Dec. 22, at 5 p.m., and may be expected here on or about Thursday, Dec. 29. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on Oct. 16.

The Pacific Mail Steamship Co.'s s.s. China, with mails, &c., from San Francisco to December 6, leaves Yokohama for this port on Sunday, Dec. 26, at daylight, and may be expected here on or about Friday, Dec. 30.

The R. M. S. *Empress of China* left Vancouver for Hongkong via Yokohama and Shanghai on Dec. 13. The O. & O. s.s. *Belgic*, with mails, &c., left San Francisco for this port via Yokohama on Dec. 15.

The Northern Pacific s.s. Victoria left Victoria, B.C., on Saturday, Dec. 17, for Hongkong via Japan.

The D. D. R. s.s. *Azores*, from Hamburg, left Saigon for this port on Dec. 21, and may be expected here on or about Dec. 25.

The Glou Line steamship *Glengyle*, from London for this port, left on Dec. 17, and may be expected here on or about Dec. 25.

The O. S. S. Co.'s steamship *Teser* left Shantung on Dec. 20, and may be expected here on or about Dec. 28.

The s.s. *Chelyea*, with mails &c. from Calcutta, left Singapore on Dec. 22, and may be expected here on or about Dec. 30.

The s.s. *Turke* left Singapore on Dec. 22, and may be expected here on or about Dec. 29.

The P. & O. s.s. *Thibet*, from Bombay for this port, left Singapore on Dec. 22, and may be expected here on or about Dec. 29.

The China Mutual Co.'s steamer *Kinlack*, from London, Glasgow and Liverpool, left Singapore for this port on Dec. 23, and may be expected here on or about Dec. 26.

The N. G. I. s.s. *Hornbill* left Bombay for the Suez Canal on Dec. 16, and may be expected here on or about Jan. 5, 1893.

The P. & O. s.s. *Adriatic* left Bombay for this port on Dec. 18.

The P. & O. s.s. *Manila* left London for this port on Dec. 17.

ORDER OF CHORAL SERVICE AT ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.—CHRISTMAS DAY.

Masses.—Proper Psalms, Hymn 60; Venit, Oret, Proper Psalms, Monk, Ouseley, Macfarren & Turle; To Deum, Rodgers in D; Jubilate, Garrett in D; Anthem, "Sing and Rejoice," Barnby; Kyrie, Sanctus; Nicene Creed, Marbeck; Hymn; Offertory, Sanctus, Barnby.

EVENSONG.—Proper Psalms, Hayes, Woodward, Monk & Ouseley; Magnificat & Nunc Dimittis, Bunaeti in F; Anthem, "In the beginning was the word;" Hymns, 68 & 307, (Allen).

UNION CHURCH.—SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 11 A.M.

Hymns, 37, 35, 30; Psalm, 72 ver. 1-13.

There will be no issue of the China Mail on Monday, 1st Xmas Day, and in making this announcement we take the opportunity of wishing our readers

A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

THE AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S s.s. *Elektra* will leave Shanghai for this port to-day.

The M. Co.'s s.s. *Salsas* will leave Shanghai for this port at 4 a.m. to-morrow.

The s.s. *Wintshire* was released from quarantine this morning and went to her usual anchorage.

It is notified in the Gazette that the Hon. W. M. Goodman, Attorney General, has resumed the duties of his office.

Char. C. Bowring, a grandson of Sir John Bowring (formerly Governor of this Colony), has been appointed Audit Office clerk to Mr. G. E. Taverner, deceased.

It is notified in the Gazette that H. E. the Governor has been pleased to appoint Mr. Cyril H. C. Platt to be his Private Secretary from the 23rd inst.

There will be a Hockey Match in the Happy Valley on Monday, at 11.30 a.m.—Club, 2, Two Hong.

The P. & S. S. Co.'s steamer *China*, with the American Mail of Dec. 6th, from San Francisco, via Honolulu, has arrived in Yokohama, and sails for Hongkong at daylight to-morrow.

Those who have not seen the present programme at Harcourt's Circus should not miss the opportunity for seeing it this evening. There will be a new programme next week, and two performances will be given on Boxing Day, at one and three half hours at 9 p.m.

The Band 1st Shropshire L. I. will play the following programme on the Barrack Square, Murray Barracks, this evening, commencing at 7.30:—

Pops ..... "Holy Bush" Godfrey.  
Quadrille ..... "Merry England" Williams.  
National Airs ..... "Dearly Beloved" Newton.  
Lancers ..... "Orpheus" Lauder.  
Valentines ..... "Was You Dir?" Williams.  
Gardens ..... "Friendship" A. Matthews.  
Pops ..... "Friendship" A. Matthews.

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They have a lady Justice of the Peace in Kansas. We have in this country a lady Master of Ceremonies, says a reporter. On Saturday last the Lady Diana Hastings, sister of the Earl of Huntingdon, formally opened the season 1892-3 of the Huntingdon Harriers, King's County, Ireland, as the holder of the horn. Her ladyship, we understand, is still in her teens and an intrepid homespun. Her huntsman is her brother, the Hon. Abroy Hastings, so that poor puss will, at all events, have the satisfaction of being hunted on the most aristocratic principles.

I was walking through the jungle the other day with a Malay follower, (writes a correspondent of the *Singapore Journal*) and we came to a clump of the tree which always, I believe, grows in a cluster of several stems, and my Malay asked me if I had heard the story about it. He then proceeded to relate how the Armadillo was long gone by to the Jawa-Jawa tree and lied it with his tongue. He then went west, and the elephant coming up was taken aback by the offensive odour and swore that he would never go near the tree again. He kept his oath, and his example has been followed by his descendants, so that to this day the Jawa-Jawa is the one tree in the forest which the elephant is afraid to approach.

During the past few years the electric light, says *Invention*, has proved great assistance to medical science; and now Von Stein, of Moscow, reports his experience in several cases of painful affections which have been relieved as if by magic, by the electric light. The apparatus which he uses consists of a small incandescent lamp about two inches long, with a reflector of the shape of a funnel, which is applied directly to the skin over the part to be treated. For the head and neck it is held in position for ten or fifteen seconds; but for other parts of the body it remains from one to five minutes, or until the patient complains of the heat. Von Stein has obtained remarkable results in cases of intercostal neuralgia, rheumatic pains of the shoulder, lumbo-sacral, and severe pain in other portions of the body. He states that the number of applications for permanent relief exceeds greatly, one being sometimes sufficient for the purpose.

Dr Rice, who has been visiting the public schools in various large cities of the United States, paying special attention to the capacity of teachers as revealed in the examination of pupils, sketches the following scene, which he himself witnessed in a school in Cincinnati.—In one of the pieces read the word "merchant." The teacher inquired, "What is a merchant?" The pupil replied, "A merchant is a tailor, who makes clothes." "A merchant is a man who keeps dry-goods stores," said another. "A merchant is a man who keeps a shop and his self dear," remarked a third. At a little after a boy, with a triumphant air, cried out: "A merchant is a man what sells goods!" The teacher corrected none of these mistakes in language, but when one of the children had read the sentence, "I broke the glass and I will pay for it," the teacher said, "What mistake did he make?" "Teacher," answered one, "he said 'glass,'" and he ought to say 'glare,'" said the teacher. Another scene was in a Buffalo school: When all was quiet, one of the pupils will call out, "I ain't got no ruler." In answer to this the teacher, without correcting the child's language, said, "You don't need a ruler. Do it the way you 'done' it yesterday."

THE VOYAGE OF H.M.S. "ALBACORE," THE "SONG OF NEPTUNE" AT THE CROWN HALL.

Last night, a dress rehearsal of the nautical and musical drama "The Voyage of H.M.S. Albacore" was given before a friendly yet critical audience in the Theatre Royal by the Sons of Neptune. It is no disparagement to the effort of other performers, amateur or professional, who have occupied the boards during the past year to say that last night's performance is the best that has been given here since the Pantomime, and when they appear before the public on Monday evening the Sons of Neptune are sure to cause a stir. Before going further it would be advisable to mention what the Sons of Neptune are and what their object is. In a word, they are the sons, petty and warrant officers, sailors and marines from Her Majesty's fleet at present in the Harbour; their object is the personal gain, but to assist their characters, early and often object to a year when Jack do mobilize.

They used a great big crack-jaw word for the Admirals exercise; but our ears are ready, whatever they be.

To face fair us the foes they find on land as well as sea.

Among his letters, Captain Hardy has received a dispatch promoting Jack Dooly and presenting him with a silver medal for great service at sea. This is the signal for great rejoicing on the part of his shipmates, and while he is getting into a new uniform, which somehow or other is ready at hand, the ship's company indulge in dancing. Jack reappears, is heartily congratulated by his officers—with the exception of Lieutenant— and the performance concludes with a tableau, chorus and "Rule Britannia."

This is not the time for the entertainment, which it may be said that the entertainment, which it is of the highest description and aims at nothing very high in an artistic sense, is conducted with animation, accuracy and no mean ability. The Vice-President and General Manager, Lieut. Commander L. G. Taiwell, has taken the greatest interest in the production of the scenes of which his wife has also made by Mr. E. W. Mitchell, (Hon. Secy., A.D.C.), Vice-President; Lieut. E. Hyde Parker, R.N., Hon. Secretary; Mr. G. South, R.N., Stage and Acting Manager; Mr. W. K. Murray, R.N., Assistant Manager, and Mr. J. Murphy, Shropshire Light Infantry, Musical Director.

FRAGRANT WATERS' MURMUR.

That the letter of the Unofficial Members of Council to the Secretary of State, bearing upon some recent proceedings in Council, is, I hear, a pugnt but respectful document.

That I fancy many residents think the Unofficial Members should have received support from the community, but there is apparently no one to take any step in so important a matter, and the "nobdy's business" is left undone.

That even something—as I have done before—that the Unofficials may not have taken

the best mode of protesting against excessive expenditure in the administration, no possible justification can be given for the treatment they have received.

That the complaint made to the Secretary of State would have been made all the weightier had it been backed by a resolution or memorial from the residents.

That the attitude of the Governor is incomprehensible as ever.

That his Excellency has once or twice made facious remarks concerning the Unofficial Members and the purse strings which neither mollify the sorceress nor throw it upon the situation.

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That it is difficult to know what is to be done if 120 men are forthcoming by the 1st January, or how much money to be voted for that number of men if they enrol.

That I am much mistaken if we have heard the last of this astonishing O'Brien campaign.

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That an indication that the spirit of comradeship spoken of by Major-General Barker is to exist between the "reg'lar" and the Volunteers—when we get them—is likely to come into play. Whilst the men are chattering, Jack Jolliboy, who has to be regarded as the hero of the drama, comes to life. Spite is the villain, makes his appearance after which Ben Brine, who played with Ned Spanker the duty of providing the comic element, spins a musical yarn. This is followed by Jolliboy's song, about Mrs. Jolliboy and the ideal sailor's sweetheart.—Bright and bonny, trim and smart, Nest of figure, true of heart, Ready to brave with wind and storm, That's a sailor's sweetheart.

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He is a bit downhearted, but finds a ready sympathizer in Ned Spanker—a character taken by Mr. South, R.N., Stage Manager, whose previous connection with the original performances has enabled him to render invaluable service in placing the drama before the public of Hongkong. Songs and dances fill up the time till the arrival of the Captain, Hardy, who, in song, addresses his men—

I feel quite sure indeed that you're A good sea-going crew;

A flattering statement which is carried on. Before the curtain falls on the first part, the *Albacore* gets underway offward bound, and there is a fine chorus led off by the Captain.

In the second part the *Albacore* is homeward bound. This part opens with a glee by the crew, in which the past glories of the British Navy are briefly recounted. Routine duties are gone through, and Jolliboy, who is assumed to have got into disfavour with the first lieutenant, is threatened with punishment. From that grave to the deathbed, Mak for Mak, the first lieutenant left the deck than three bright young midshipmen, who are the embodiment of that devilry supposed to be part of the inheritance of a middy if Marryat is to be relied upon come upon deck, and sing a trio which is none the less funny if the words are "a bit off" as the midshipmen themselves will say. Here is a specimen:

We have all sorts of punishment man can conceive,  
If our master but knew it, their hearts it would grieve;  
But the worst of the lot it is stopping our leave.

But do we break it? What do you think?  
Among a lot of good things this trio is one of the best things in the performance, but some of the points are lost through inadvertence of emanation. It is followed by another good thing—a duet by Ned Spanker and Ben Brine—which is sure to have delighted every justice and a ladies' Committee.

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That the aid and advice given to the ladies' Committee by their gentlemen friends is, however, to have enabled the Society to avoid nearly every undesirable case, while a large number of really deserving cases of distress have been definitely and generously relieved.

That many residents who give alms to persons who they do not know might do better and pass it on to the ladies' Committee.

That the question has been asked—Is it true the A. D. C. are to put on "The Private Secretary" at once and with the greatest ceremony?

That I have a notion some joke or plausible lurks somewhere around this query, which may be solved later on by the Government Gazette.

That greetings have begun early this Christmastide, a civil service men, bankers and others closed office to-day.

That Hongkong has still great reason to ring the changes upon Christmas wishes, notwithstanding the peans of Secretary O'Brien and the quiet assurances of the Governor.

That the Colonial Treasury is improving in its ill-fortune, but the increased prosperity of the Colony and its residents is what we all wish for, and I divide the property of our soldiers proved fit for the fitting up of the official trumpet cases.

That I've very busy once a year when Jack do mobilize.

They use a great big crack-jaw word for the Admirals exercise; but our ears are ready, whatever they be.

That I hear the "Song of Neptune" given a novel and excellent performance, and it will most likely take the place of a Xmas Pantomime.

BROWNIE.

That the veteran Bishop Raimondi well deserves the laudation given him by Governor Robinson as an unwearied promoter of education in this Colony during a period of nearly forty years.

That the venerable Monsignor has fought many a hard battle over the Education question, and it must be gratifying to him to see the continued fruits of his life-work.

That this does not seem to be much cause for dissatisfaction over the support given by Government to schools like St. Joseph's, and the Governor has shown that the Christian Brothers are exceedingly well treated.

That this fact is, indeed, acknowledged by the Brothers, with certain furling modifications.

That their College is called after Saint Joseph.

That some interest has been raised as to the number of characters bearing the name of Joseph which are mentioned in the Scriptures.

That Governor Robinson, who possesses the gift of making a pleasant speech, has tended to elucidate this matter of Biblical history.

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## ISLAM IN ENGLAND.

A MOSLEM CONGRESS IN LIVERPOOL.  
We take from the Liverpool Mercury the following account of a notable gathering of Moslem medans which took place in Liverpool last month:—

Liverpool has just been visited by Ibrahim Hakki Bey, Imperial Commissioner from the Ottoman Empire to the Chicago Exposition, who arrived in Liverpool on Thursday evening by the *Tufts*, an accomplished line. On Friday morning he visited the local law courts, and was much interested in the English forms of law, and in differing so much from the mode adopted in the countries he comes from. Subsequently at the invitation of Mr. Baron L. Bonis he visited the Atheneum Library Novocastrian, and in the evening had a private talk at the Circus, West Derby-road, where Professor Norie, B. Smith is giving an exhibition of horsemanship. On Friday morning he visited the Merton School College and was introduced to the masters and chief pupils. He also attended the Zuhar Nizam, at which service Mr. H. H. Yehya, late of the Imperial Naval College, Constantinople, officiated as Imam. The afternoon was devoted to visiting the Underground Railway, Birkenhead Docks, New Brighton, and Newhaven Park. In the evening his Excellency attended the Janama service at the Mosque where he was received by a large number of Moslims, both natives of Liverpool and visitors. After the Isha Nizam, at which Hadji Said Adam officiated as Mufti and Mr Ali Muktash, of Damacus, as Imam, a meeting was held in one of the rooms of the institution. Mr. W. H. Quilliam, who presided, said on behalf of the local Moslem fraternity, that he had great pleasure in welcoming a gentleman so thoroughly possessed of the confidence of his Sovereign as Hakki Bey did to Liverpool. Islam was a deep bond of brotherhood, and they had only to look back to the noon of all time of God and His prophet from country to country, from nation to nation most dissimilar, speaking different languages, but still knit together in prayer the Turk, Russian, Syrian, Arabian, Moor, Indian, Egyptian, and members of every nationality in the British Isles, and had uttered the words, and the ceremonies taught 13 centuries ago by the Son of the Desert, the last and greatest of the prophets. (Applause.)

Mr. Mustapha Kara, the president of the institute, moved the following resolution:—"That this meeting of Moslims welcome our distinguished brother Hakki Bey, to Liverpool, and wishes him a safe return to Constantinople." He (the speaker) was a Syrian Arab, but had long dwelt in England, and had become accustomed to it, though he had got used to the climate, manners, customs and dress of the English people; he had no objection or changed the faith in which he was born. Liverpool now, the fountain of all feeling and pain in the nerves, the head of one of the schools of Moslemism, but there are diseases (one can disease anyhow) in which all the nerves in the body seem to tingling to every sight and sound. The mind is on the look-out for evil—the man is depressed and afraid. Every word means mischief, and every bush hides an enemy. So he thinks. He knows what Solomon meant when he said, "The grasshopper is a burden to him." He (the speaker) had everything been removed to him? There is an old saying that we can't keep the crown from lying, we can't let them make nests in our hair. That's good sense. But it's easy to give advice, and to quote proverbs. How does a person act who suffers from boils?

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## SINGULAR BUT TRUE.

It is singular, seeing how much depends on a man's health, that the author of this article, who is a Russian and an old Cossack soldier, who has fought with the English and Turks at Sebastopol, should support a resolution by this, but Islam knew no distinction between nations. The Tsar was his political sovereign, but the Sultan was the Caliph of the Faithful and a worthy successor of Abu Bakr and Omar. Islam was spreading rapidly even in Russia, and they had mosques in St. Petersburg and other large cities.

Mr. Thomas Omar Byrne said he was an Irishman, but could not speak Irish like the last speaker could Russian, but however, he wished their visitor "Ceard mill failte." Mr. Syred Hasan of Hyderabad, then delivered an address in Urdu. The Moslems of India hold the Sultan in the highest respect, and are much interested in the welfare of the Turkish empire. They were loyal to the Queen as Empress of India, and to the Sultan as Caliph of the Faithful.

Hadj Said Adam (who spoke in Arabic) said that as a native of Mecca, the birthplace of the Prophet, he could assure Hakki Bey, the representative of his Imperial Majesty, that the whole of Arabia cried "Wala-i-Sutan" (Long live the Sultan). Other speeches were delivered in support of the motion (which were carried) by Mr. H. H. Johnson, in classical Greek; Hadji Ibrahim, of Cairo, in the Egyptian dialect of Arabic; Mr. Hedley Wilde, on behalf of the school; Mr. I. A. E. Thomas, in Welsh; Mr. H. H. Yehya, in Turkish; Mr. H. F. Gunes, in Moorish; and Mr. N. A. Acton, in modern Greek.

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## Intimations.

Dr. ESENJEE'S  
WONDERFUL RING.

GOOD morning, Gentlemen? Do you wish to prevent premature death from diseases, not far off when Abdullah Quilliam could open a mosque in the metropolis of England and his black muezzin give the Azan? (Laughter and applause.) Ho (the speaker) had been most pleased with their school, and more especially with their school, That was, perhaps, the most important out that was taken. Let their children be brought up as Moslems, give them a good all-round education, and the future of Islam in England was assured. (Loud applause.)

## OH, DON'T TOUCH ME! DON'T COME NEAR ME!

These words were uttered with a horrid yell. Yet the boy to whom they were addressed wasn't within ten feet of the speaker, and hadn't come closer for his life. The scene was a big business office in New York, and the speaker was the chief man in it. He owned the concern, and was very rich, and a decent fellow enough. But someone had taken a shot at him, and had just cut like that. Let them know he had just been hit in a powder mill. You could hear him from the basement to the roof. What was the matter with him? Temporary insanity? Not quite, but something nearly as bad. He had an acute attack of gout in his toe, and at those solemn crises he couldn't bear the sight of a shadow passing in his direction. He was a blacksmith twisting your toe with hot pincers while a she-mosher is threatening a brawd through your knee-joint. That's a little like it.

Well, there are things not so bad as gout, yet, yet we make us touchy enough. Here comes a man, for instance, who says, "Everything now was a trouble to me." Who would ever have heard of such a thing? There is an old saying that we can't keep the crown from lying, we can't let them make nests in our hair. That's good sense. But it's easy to give advice, and to quote proverbs. How does a person act who suffers from boils?

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